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3 NEW ATTACHE POSTS REQUESTED The President's agricultural message to Congress requests funds to set up three new agricultural attache posts, at Bucharest, Rumania; Warsaw, Poland; and Lagos, Nigeria.

U. S. EXHIBIT READIED FOR DUTCH FLOWER SHOW Carl Wedell, director of the U. S.

exhibit at Floriade, and Asst Ag Attache Ed Gorman check details of the American Home and Garden shortly before the March 25 opening of the Floriade, the famous international horticultural show at Rotterdam.

The U. S. exhibit in the Garden of Nations shows a typical small American home surrounded by two acres of flowers and shrubs.

Over five million visitors are expected to attend the Floriade during the six months of the show. Visitors may see a garden devoted to flowers of the Bible, reproductions of Royal Gardens, 18th Century gardens, orchids by the thousands, and a profusion of color indoors and out.



DOUG CRAWFORD, GEORGE PARKS NAMED TO ATTACHE POSTS

Doug Crawford, currently taking the senior officers' course, and George Parks, dep asst adm for MarDev, are scheduled to take over as agricultural attaches at Buenos Aires and The Hague, respectively.

Crawford will replace Bob Nichols, who is joining the staff of the American University, Beirut. Duane Clark is currently serving as acting attache at Buenos Aires. Parks will replace Bob Reed sometime this summer. Bob is returning to Washington for reassignment.

Phil Eckert is expected to leave Bonn this summer, when he will be replaced by Clarence Eskildsen, New Delhi, as reported here last month. One of Phil's last jobs is attending the GATT meetings in Geneva.

Harry Varney is well settled in Stockholm, and has already made his first visit to Helsinki. Doc Lint is now serving as assistant attache at Paris until a successor can be lined up for Henry Baehr, who is now assigned to Grain-Feed in Washington.

NEW HEALTH PLAN EXPLAINED FAS/Wash is collaborating with the Department of State in distributing information on the new employees health program. Airgram CG 594, dated March 16, discusses post responsibilities.



P. L. 480 FUNDS WILL BUILD Over two billion yen of U. S. government funds from P. L. ATOMIC HOSPITALS IN JAPAN 480 agreements will be used to build atomic medicine hospitals in Hiroshima and Nagasaki and for other projects of mutual benefit to Japan and the United States.

The accompanying picture shows the meeting at which the agreement was made, in which Japanese Foreign Minister Fujiyama, U. S. Ambassador Douglas MacArthur II, and Attache Chuck Elkinton participated.

The P. L. 480 funds were originally intended for military housing. Major uses under the new agreement are:

1. new hospital and medical research facilities at Hiroshima and Nagasaki Universities for research, treatment, and training in atomic medicine;
2. agricultural market development projects;
3. exchange of about 300 Japanese and American professors and students under the Fulbright program in the next 3 years;
4. various mapping projects in Japan;
5. purchase and repair in Japan of vehicles for use in Asian countries; and
6. construction of new buildings at the American School in Tokyo.

Facing the camera (l-r) are: Chief Public Affairs Officer G. M. Hellyer, Minister of Economic Affairs Gardner Palmer, Ambassador MacArthur, Counselor Philip Trezise, Ag Attache Chuck Elkinton, Economics Officer Lester Edmonds, and Asst Scientific Attache M. F. Grouch. The Japanese Foreign Minister and two foreign office officials are on the other side of the table.



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YOU THINK THINGS ARE Things are so hazar-
TOUGH AT YOUR POST? dous in the States
that you've got to
be careful on weekends and even on vaca-
tions, as Bob Tetro (right) and Jerry
Tichenor, asst adm and dep asst adm for
Attaches, found out in recent weeks.

Bob and Jerry are both victims of delayed
action accidents. Bob did some strenuous
gardening on a spring-like Saturday in
late January. At a luncheon on Monday
his back suddenly gave way; it developed
he had a sprained sacroiliac. He was cor-
seted up for several weeks.

Jerry was in Michigan greeting the arrival
of his third grandson when his mishap oc-
curred. He was carrying a ladder on the
farm when he stepped in a hole and fell.
He walked around for over two weeks thin-
king he had a bad sprain before learning
he had broken a bone in his foot.

(Bob's cane is courtesy of Guy Schilling,
Cotton.)



P. L. 480 HAS SOLD ONE ENTIRE WHEAT CROP

Through Feb 29 the United States had signed agreements for
the sale of about 1.2 billion bushels of wheat and wheat equi-
valent of flour and bulgur, slightly above our average annual
wheat production. Thus P. L. 480 has accounted for one of the five wheat crops in
the five years since the law went into effect.

MIDWESTERNERS LOOK INTO BRAZILIAN AGRICULTURE

28 Illinois farm leaders, one of several goodwill groups
which have visited Brazil this year under President Eisenho-
wer's People-to-People program, are shown being briefed on
local agriculture by the Asst Sec of Agriculture of the Sao Paulo state, Dr. Paulo
Emilio Vanzolini, and Ag Officer Fred Traeger (seated next to each other in the
center of the picture).

The group made three stops in Brazil on their Latin American tour.



Ra M B L i N g a R o U N d

Several years ago when the illustrious nephew of Col. J. Worthington Ewing of Bouillabaise-on-the-Bayou was penning the deathless prose that fills the FAS Letter, it was his practice to wax lyrical over the beauties of springtime in Washington. Oh, you know, crocuses coming up, cherry blossoms in bloom, forsythia, daffodils, perhaps the muted crack of baseball and bat far away o'er the lea, that sort of thing.

At this writing spring seems to be several months away. Mid-March saw snow on the ground and sub-freezing temperatures every day. After several mild winter months, February and March were really obnoxious. The wind blew and the snow flew. Maybe by the next time we get to rambling around, we will be caressed by the soft spring zephyrs. Meanwhile . . .

Chuck Elkinton, Tokyo, traveled to Kofu in late January to take part in the presentation of 35 breeding hogs from the people of Iowa to Yamanashi Prefecture. Congressman Leonard Wolf, representing Governor Loveless, made the presentation speech, and Governor Amano the acceptance speech. Chuck calls this an outstanding example of the People-to-People program.

The retirement after 26 years of government service of Pete Clore, Import, was noted by a party March 31. All his friends join in wishing Pete the very best.

Clint Cook, Fruit-Veg, spent most of March making a competition study of the winter vegetable industry in Mexico. He also conferred with growers and shippers in Arizona, Texas, and New Orleans.

In Washington for consultations in mid-March were Larry Diehl, Ottawa asst, and Walter Davis, back from a tour as attache at Kuala Lumpur. Walt will be joining the Dairy-Poultry division.

Elfriede Krause, European analysis, in March helped set up a study of long-term projections of supply and demand for agricultural products in Italy and Spain. She worked with the University of Madrid and the Italian Institute of Agricultural Economics.

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TOP STUDENTS OF DELHI These 4 children, shown
STAFF WELFARE PROGRAM with New Delhi Adm Asst
Gill Piquette, are the
highest ranking of 48 Indian youngsters whose
tuition at the municipal school is paid and
whose school equipment is supplied by the American
Staff Servants' Welfare Program.

The children are (l-r): Hari Chand Manilal, Premi Williams, Philomena Joseph, and Watson Tomas.

The program covers health, education, entertainment, adult education, gardening, and library facilities. The children's families are Hindu, Sikh, Christian, and Moslem.



OTTAWA ATTACHE STAFF From the snowy northlands comes this picture of the Ottawa attache staff. From left are Attache Fred Rossiter, Dorothy Richens, Necia Stover, Ag Analyst Henri Vandermeulen, and Asst Larry Diehl.

Fred's wintertime sport is teaching the ambassador the game of curling, which is like shuffleboard played on ice. Henri, Dorothy, and Larry are members of the Ottawa Ski Club. Necia is an ice-skater.

More Rambling . . .

Garth Thorburn, Paris asst, has a new daughter, Michele Yvonne, born Feb 27. She weighed 10 lbs, 2 oz at birth.

New FAS Club officers are: pres, Al Johnson, Foreign Trade Promotion; v-pres, Al Duke, Foreign Training; sec, Francis Fragale, ProgDev; treas, Doris Laut, sec to asst adm for Mgnt; exec committee, Dave Hume, Dairy-Poultry, Oneta Bear, Adm Services, Mary Long, FarEastAgAn, and Bill Doering, Trade Policy. Al promises everything will be bigger, better, cheaper, and more fun during his administration.

Kathryn Wylie, LatAmAgAn, traveled to Colombia in early March to confer with Attache Henry Hopp, other embassy officials, and the government on a long-range projection study of agricultural supply and demand and related matters.

Joe Becker, former FAS director of statistics, and his wife left in late March for a six-month tour of Europe. They plan to buy a European car and tour like wandering gypsies.

On Feb 29, Lloyd Williams, Havana asst, hosted a houseful of bachelors from the diplomatic circle and business community at a fiesta to commemorate the passing of the Leap Year's extra day.

John Ray, Livestock, is spending about 6 weeks studying the livestock industries of (continued next page)

AMERICAN, ARGENTINE WHEAT MEN GATHER Herb Hughes of the Great Plains Wheat Market Development Assn visited a competitor wheat export country, Argentina, recently, and in the process exchanged information on wheat marketing in both countries and gained sympathy for U. S. efforts to expand world wheat markets.

The picture was taken at the American Club in Buenos Aires. From left are: Acting Agricultural Attache Duane Clark; Sr Pablo Walter, La Plata Cereal Company; Dr Notteholm, Junta National Grain; Heinz Hutter, Cargill Company; Mr. Hughes; Argentine Under Sec of Ag Ing Rafael Garcia Mata; Ing Tulio Palan, Junta National Grain; and Sr R. Turro, Junta National Grain.



More Rambling . . .

Argentina and Uruguay, with particular attention to the effect on U. S. domestic and foreign meat and meat products markets.

Fred Traeger, Sao Paulo, proudly announces the arrival of Cynthia Susan in his household on March 2. Weight: 7 lbs, 4 oz.

The Dutch Ministry of Agriculture's "Mededelingen directeur van de Tuinbouw" has reviewed Bob FitzSimmonds' M-series publication "The Deciduous Fruit Industry of Argentina."

Gordon Schlubatis, Nairobi, and his wife combined business with some holiday leave and made two safaris early in the year. The first covered Uganda and northern Kenya, the second took them southeast to the ocean. Gordon reports he now has taken 5,000 feet of film.

Scotty Kevorkian, LatAmAgAn, and Gerry Shelden, FarEastAgAn, accompanied Under Sec True Morse and FES director C. M. Ferguson to the Farm Efficiency Awards ceremony at Dearborn, Mich, sponsored by the Ford Motor Company. Two groups of farmers won expense paid trips through Latin America and the Far East.

BILL RODMAN GREETES When
CONGRESSIONAL PARTY five

mem-
bers of the House of Rep-
resentatives visited Cos-
ta Rica in mid-January,
they were met at San Jose
by members of the Sugar
Chamber and Attache Bill
Rodman.

From left are: Arian Ma-
tamoros, Herman Kopper,
Jorge Dobles Sanchez,
Alejandro Pirie, Rep Sil-
vio Conte of Massachu-

setts, Rep John Dent of Pennsylvania (mostly hidden), Gregorio Rojas, Rep Harold John-
son of California, Rep Harlan Hagen of California, Mrs. Dina Dellale, Rep Joseph Mon-
toya of New Mexico, Sinder Yudain, Burney Yudain, Calixto Fabrega, Arturo Garcia So-
lano, Guillermo Peters, and Bill Rodman.



GENE RANSOM'S DESCRIPTION
OF COW GETS BIG PLAY

The New York Times, Fruit Trades Journal, and now the Tra-
vers Circular have reprinted Manila Attache Gene Ransom's
comprehensive description of a cow. It goes like this:

"The cow is a mobile animated machine, housed in unprocessed leather. One end is equipped with a mower, grinder, and other standard equipment including bumpers, headlight, wing-flaps, and foghorn. At the other end is a milk dispenser and insect repeller. Centrally located is a conversion plant consisting of a combination storage and fermentation vat, three converters in a series, and an intricate arrangement of conveyor tubes.

"This machine also is equipped with a central heating plant, pumping system, and air conditioning. Although mysterious and secret, this plant is unpatented. It is available in various sizes, colors, and output capacity, ranging from one to 20 tons of milk per year."

U.S. RICE EXPORTS TO SOUTH AFRICA EXPECTED TO CLIMB

Bill Edens, Pretoria, reports that South African trade leaders are estimating that this year the United States will supply about 40 percent of Union rice imports. Two years ago we were supplying about half of one percent.

Looking over some rice in the picture are (l-r): Ag Asst Bill Sevenster; Ag Attache Bill Edens; and Ben Wainstein, Johannesburg grain and produce merchant.



COLOMBIA GETS WHEAT REPORT R. K. Durham of the Great Plains Wheat Market Development Assn presents a report on "Wheat and Flour Requirements for Colombia" to Minister of Agriculture Dr Gilberto Arango Londono. Co-author of the report is Ed Seeborg, Grain-Feed.

The report was prepared at the request of the Colombian government to assist in developing a

wheat supply program coordinating domestic production, imports, and consumption. The study is one phase of a 104(a) market development project.

Shown (l-r) are: Jack Smith, Latin American director for the Great Plains Assn; Attache Henry Hopp; Dr. Londono; Mr. Durham; Richard Breeuwer, representative of the Colombian cracker industry; and Gordon Beals, Millers' National Foundation.

GRAIN MEN, SCHWARTZ VISIT NEW MILL Dick Schwartz, Ciudad Trujillo, and two American grain representatives are shown

visiting a new flour mill in the Dominican Republic.

With completion of its new mill, the country will soon become a net wheat importer, a fact of importance to the gentlemen at the left, Paul Abrahamson of the North Dakota Wheat Commission and Marx Koehnke of the Great Plains Wheat Market Development Assn. The Dominican Republic has traditionally been a flour importer.



Joachim Geyer, milling supervisor, is pointing out something to the grain men and Schwartz (right). Geyer, like the equipment being installed, is from Germany. He and Schwartz often lapsed from Spanish and English into German during their conversation.



**MACDONALD GREETES EXTENSION TEAM
AND QUENTIN WEST IN PAKISTAN**

A team of extension economists is back from a tour of 8 Far Eastern countries where they studied problems of modern export marketing, requirements of our foreign customers, and trade policy formulation. They were accompanied by Quentin West, FarEastAgAn.

The team's report stressed the importance of "talking with people on the spot whose hearts and souls are in their work as are all of our U. S. representatives from ambassador to agricultural attache." "To a man, we feel that this investment in increasing our knowledge made by FAS and FES will furnish a much sounder basis for our educational efforts in public policy," the report said. Members expressed appreciation of the help afforded them at all stops by the ag attache staffs.

The picture was taken at the Karachi airport. Shown (l-r) above are: Donald MacDonald, Karachi attache; John Dunbar, Indiana; Rupert Johnston, Mississippi State; John Mamer, Connecticut; Arthur Mauch, Michigan; Everett Peterson, Nebraska; Robert Wilcox, Idaho; Raymond Scott, FES; and Quentin West.

**STUGARD, A.R.S. MEN VISIT
MEXICAN COTTON STATION**

Burl Stugard, Mexico City, went with ARS officials to visit the cotton seed breeding station at Iguala, Guerrero, Mexico, in early March. From left are ARS Dep Adm Ted Byerly, Station Mgr Lon Lytton, ARS Adm Byron Shaw, Henry Barker of ARS, and Stugard.

The station is cooperatively administered by the United States and Mexico. It is located about midway between the Mexican capital and Acapulco.

